



Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club's Newsletter

THE LOOP

The Lost Supper of the TLRC



If you recall back in July the club had its annual crew change dinner, but your editor had a computer malfunction and was unable to display pictures from the event, therefore the Lost Supper has now been recovered and displayed in this issue. If you recall it was a warm event, so it was held inside the Bell trailer. Over twenty members attended the event and **John Bell** (right) was once again at the grill cooking up some fine offerings for the membership's enjoyment.

Besides the opportunity for good fellowship with the members, to watch trains from the hilltop view from Bell Mountain, and the FOOD, there was a business matter to address. Installation of your club's new officers took place. Front of the picture (right) is **John Bell**, **Wilson James**, **George Noriega** c **Mike Schmitt**. In the back is **Phil Bailey** and **Marlan Woodside**



Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Editor Marlan Woodside

At our September meeting we were honored to have **Chris and Debra Howard** as guests at our meeting and they decided to join the club. So now this Mother and Son duo are going to be active members of the club and look forward to participating in club events and meetings in the future.



Here's what I found out about the Howards. They discovered the Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club (TLRC) by attending the August train shows for the last three years. Their railroad interests are sharing a love of riding on trains as well as model railroading. Chris got his first train when he was 2 years old and has loved them ever since. When Chris was younger, they would go to the Day Out With Thomas events. They have ridden numerous trains, Thomas at Filmore and Western, Orange Empire, Roaring Camp Railroads, Metrolink into Union station for National Train Day, Railrunner into downtown Albuquerque, NM, the Cumbres and Toltec steam engine train in Chama, NM and the Grand Canyon railroad from Williams to the canyon. Wow, what a lineup of trains. In addition they spent numerous hours at Travel Town pretending to drive the trains.

Chris is currently working on an N scale layout and Deb is interested in learning more about the garden trains - G scale. While Chris will be working with Rex Welker at future club events, Deb is willing to help where ever she is needed.

They are both interested in learning more about putting modules and layouts together. Chris is more interested in learning specific information about trains and railroading and Deb likes making the backgrounds and scenery more than worrying about what a specific locomotive is called!

As for any special skills or talents that they bring to TLRC, Deb says Chris brings his enthusiasm for trains and I bring Chris (LOL). Deb also enjoys the camaraderie and social aspect of the club. Deb says she is a detailed person and is willing to pitch in wherever needed. We are both willing to help with set up or clean up at shows. Now we can certainly take her up on that

**TLRC Business Meeting
Stationmaster's Report
September 14, 2011
at The Village Grill**



1. **Superintendent John Bell** called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.
2. **Guests:** **Chris Howard** from Boron, modeling N Scale, and his mother **Debra**. Chris later became our youngest member, with Debra joining as his sponsor.
3. **Paymaster's Report:** Motion was made by **Charles Dodds** and seconded by **Russ Tidd** to approved the report printed in the Loop that was handed out just before the meeting.
4. **Stationmaster's Report:** Motion was made by **Charles Dodds** and seconded by **Russ Tidd** to approve the report. Both motions passed with the usual dissent.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Promotions:** **Louise Bailey** had an XL vest that **Guy Krivanec** donated back to the club. It was rapidly resold at full price. She reported that \$256.50 was raised at the August Show. The Board had earlier approved the purchase of the supplies needed to make 100 more badges.
 - B. **Membership:** **Theresa Bruno** reported 53 members after the **Howards** joined. 10 of those still have outstanding dues.
 - C. **Loop Editor:** **Marlan Woodside** apologized for the late edition. He asked that members please be sure that their e-mail and mailing addresses are up to date.
 - D. **Mountain Crossing:** **Wilson James** had to leave before the meeting, but did report that the layout is running.
6. **Train Faire Groups:**
 - N: **Rex Welker** welcomed the newest N member.
 - HO: **Mike Bruno** reported that the new yard performed well. After polling the HO members, he has invited members of the High Desert club to add their modules to ours at the November show. There will be about 8 HD members and 10 or 12 modules enlarging the HO layout.
 - O: **John Holmes** is working on the door modules and hopes to have some kind of display.

- Toy Trains:** **Doug Pickard** had no news of the other members. They were missed at the August Show.
- G:** **George Noriega** is working on a cover for the trailer.
- Show Coordinator:** **Russ Tidd** said he will resume his duties as Coordinator.
7. **Activities:**
 - A. **Oct. 9 (Sat):** TLRC Meeting at Village Grill.
 - B. **Oct 16 & 17 (Sat & Sun):** Barstow Railfest
 - C. **Nov 13 & 14 (Sat & Sun):** TLRC Show at West Park
 - D. **Dec. 11 (Sat):** Christmas Dinner at Village Grill
 8. **Business:** There was a general discussion of the Show operations on several points. Questions were raised about what to do with the Show signs on Saturday evening. Several members were in favor of bringing them in overnight. As **Show Coordinator, Russ Tidd** said he would review the options and make a decision.

Complaints were also raised about a lack of staffing late on Saturday (some visitors were coming in just before 5 and very little was running); and that no one stayed late enough on Sunday to help clean the Gym as HO finished their tear down.

It was also noted that while the promotional material had the address, none mentioned "West Park". It was also suggested that a sign be posted at Vets Hall directing people to West Park well.
 9. **Business:** There work day was announced for TODAY at noon at the Bell Barn to finish installing the dry wall on the ceiling of here of the store room.

John Bell is in possession of a 5x10 HO layout donated to the Club. It was inspected by the HO members while loading up for the August Show. It is a fairly complete layout, with all track in place, scenery formed, but not colored, and a selection of cars and buildings. The track needs some adjusting to be operational. It could make a good raffle item at an upcoming show.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 AM
Philip Bailey, Stationmaster

From the desk of the Paymaster Mike Schmitt, the following information is

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet - As of 09/26/2010
(Includes unrealized gains)



This is a special edition of the Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club Newsletter. The financial information that normally appears on this page is to be viewed only by dues paying members.

So if the information provided in the rest of the newsletter appeals to you, why don't you join the club and help us further promote the wonderful hobby of railroading and model railroading.

We endeavor to pursue all aspects of the prototype railroads and the miniature scale modeling side of this fascinating hobby.

There is something that should appeal to you, so why not use the contact information on the last page of this newsletter to join us on our journey and DON'T let the train leave the station without you on BOARD!

Scratch Building Scenery

Article provided by Lynn McCurdy

(Note: Click the following site to sign up for this neat website Lynn found <http://modeltrainshelpclub.webs.com/apps/photos/>)

You've got your track laid, now what? Do you need a nice passenger terminal? Maybe some industrial buildings for those sidings? A group of homes would fill in the area outside of the town. Or maybe you need the town! Buying these as kits can get quite expensive, as most have all the details found in real life. But you can get around that by building them from materials readily found around home! Just five building kits might cost as much as \$100! With a little ingenuity, time, and imagination, you can build an entire layout scene using things like those thin rigid cardboard backers found in packages of shirts, linen, towels, and other items you purchased. Think about using straws of various diameters for poles, pipes, chimneys, etc. Flat wooden toothpicks are great for making fences, and the round ones make good posts for roofs. And those empty ball point pens?, take it apart, and think about what you could do with the parts. The empty plastic refill, cut into 1/4" lengths, make a great start for power pole transformers in HO scale!

Using the rigid cardboard you can make building walls, roofs, driveways, walkways, sidewalks for in town, and many other items. To simulate a shingled roof, use strips of heavy paper, notching half of one side at appropriate distances, cementing them in overlaying strips to a card base. For examples, check out pictures of roofing and installation techniques.

For proper scale, use a scale rule. Brick and block sizes can be found by checking out a building supply website, such as Home Depot or Lowes, where sizes are listed in their building materials pages.

Various wall finishes can be simulated with different textures of cardboard. To simulate a brick or block wall, use a thick card stock with a semi-smooth or smooth surface. Don't use corrugated! Measure out the height of each brick or block course, then score across the card horizontally with a stiff thin tool, such as a pizza cutter, for even rows. Once that's done, using a thin small flat bladed screwdriver or similar item, make the vertical impressions for the brick or block sizes along each row. Use a thin, rigid metal strip for a guide.

There are many variations of patterns, and most can be used in combinations such as a running bond pattern with a row of $\frac{1}{2}$ sizes as a decorative touch. This part is time consuming, but with some practice can save a great deal of your money for other things. Once you are satisfied with the appearance, spray a coating of clear acrylic over the piece and let dry thoroughly, at least for a day. Then you can color it to your preference, and let that dry.

To simulate a weathered wall, use a powder color, dusting it over the entire wall, then carefully dust it off with a duster such as a 'Swiffer', leaving the remaining powder color in the scored impressions. The same techniques are used for making stucco, wood, or vinyl siding walls. For speed in creating the finished wall, use your preference of available doors and windows, readily available from several sources, and lay them out where you want them.

Mark the opening sizes needed, and using an Exacto knife, safety razor, or similar tool, cut out the openings and install them. Secure with a drop of cement at each corner on the back side. Now you can cut the wall to whatever size you need for assembling into your buildings. Balsa wood, or other small hardwoods are used at corners, and along the bottoms and tops of each wall for maintaining straight edges, as well as ease in assembling. Always remember to use glue and adhesives sparingly to avoid getting them on the exposed surfaces.

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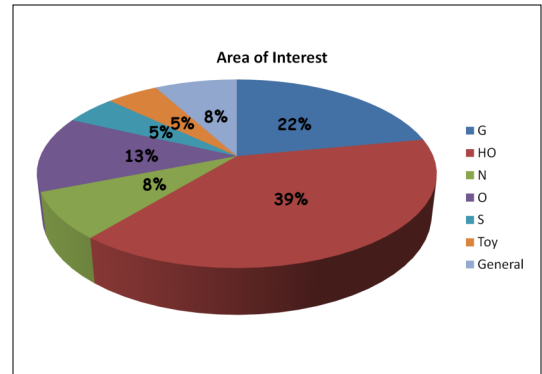
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O — John Holmes
G — John Bell

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Running the numbers from the most current TLRC membership list and the stated interest, it appears we need to work up some more interest in the other model gauges of N, O, S, Toy Trains and General interest.

If the colors don't come thru the percentages are G-22%, HO-39%, N-8%, O-13%, S-5%, Toy Trains 5%, and General Interest-8%

Editor's Note:

While I will attempt to have someone proof read and correct any spelling, grammatical errors and mislabeling, I apologize in advance for any errors that may have gone to print.



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Next Meeting Date: The 13 and 14 November
Train Show, no November Meeting